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Academic Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Associate Professor	2017-present
Director, International Development Program	2017-present
Assistant Professor	2009-2017

University of Washington, School of Law 2018-present
Faculty Affiliate

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison 2009
Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Law (Minor)

M.A., Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin—Madison 2006

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison 2003

B.S.F.S., Edmond A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University 1997
Certificate in Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies

Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies, Moscow, Russia Fall 1995

Books

Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
Honorable Mention, International Studies Association—Global Development Section Book Prize, 2018

Land, the State, and War: Property Rights and Political Violence in Afghanistan. Under revision with Cambridge University Press (with Ilia Murtazashvili).

Journal Articles

"Coercive Capacity, Land Reform and Political Order in Afghanistan." (with Ilia Murtazashvili) *Central Asian Survey* 36, no. 2 (2017): 212–30.

"Afghanistan—A Vicious Cycle of State Failure." *Governance* 29, no. 2 (2016): 163–66.

"When does Emergence of a Stationary Bandit Undermine Property Rights?" (with Ilia Murtazashvili), *Rationality and Society*, 16, no. 3 (2016), pp. 335-360.

"Securing Afghanistan: From the Inside Out." *Central Asian Survey* 35, no. 4 (2016): 572–76.

"Can Community-based Land Adjudication and Registration Improve Household Land Tenure Security? Evidence from Afghanistan," (with Ilia Murtazashvili), *Land Use Policy* 55 (2016), 230-239.

"Afghanistan in 2015: A Year of Fragmentation." *Asian Survey* 56, no. 1 (2016): 187–98.

"Does the Sequence of Land Reform and Political Reform Matter? Evidence from State-building in Afghanistan." (with Ilia Murtazashvili), *Conflict, Security, and Development*, 16, no. 2 (2016), pp. 145-172.

"The Origins of Private Property Rights: States or Customary Organizations?" (with Ilia Murtazashvili), *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12, no. 1 (2016), pp. 105-128.

"Establishing Local Government in Fragile States: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan." (with Torsten Jochem and Ilia Murtazashvili), *World Development* 77 (2016): 293-310.

"Afghanistan in 2014: Year of Transition." *Asian Survey* 55, no. 1 (2015): 21–32.

"Social Identity and Voting in Afghanistan: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." (with Torsten Jochem and Ilia Murtazashvili), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2, no. 1 (2015): 47–62.

"Gaming the State: Consequences of Contracting out State Building in Afghanistan." *Central Asian Survey* 34, no. 1 (2015): 78–92.

"Bad Medicine: Diagnosing the Failure of State-Building Efforts in Afghanistan." *Central Asian Affairs* 2, no. 1 (2015): 10–34.

"Anarchy, Self-Governance, and Legal Titling." (with Ilia Murtazashvili), *Public Choice* 162, no. 3–4 (2014): 287–305.

"Informal Federalism: Self-Governance and Power Sharing in Afghanistan." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 44, no. 2 (2014): 324–343.

"Colored by Revolution: The Political Economy of Autocratic Stability in Uzbekistan." *Democratization* 19, no. 1 (2012): 78–97

Reprinted: Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. "Colored by Revolution: The Political Economy of Autocratic Stability in Uzbekistan." In *Colored Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions*, edited by Evgeny Finkel and Yitzhak M. Brudny, 78–79. New York: Routledge, 2014.

"Armed with Practice: Learning to Engage with the Military." *The Forum* 8, no. 3 (2010).

Book Chapters

"Can Shale Gas Revolution Save Central and South Asia?" in *The Global Impact of Unconventional Shale Gas Development: Economics, Policy, and Interdependence,*" eds. William Hefley and Yongsheng Wang. Springer (forthcoming)

"Subnational Governance in Afghanistan: Back to the Future." In *State Strengthening in Afghanistan: Lessons Learned, 2001-14*, edited by Scott Smith and Colin Cookman, 53–68. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, 2016.

"Community Documentation of Land Tenure and Its Contribution to State Building in Afghanistan," (with J. David Stanfield, Mohammad Yasin Safar, and Akram Salam), In *Land and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*, edited by Jon Unruh and Rhodri Williams. New York: Routledge, 265–92, 2013.

"Rangeland Administration in (Post) Conflict Conditions: The Case of Afghanistan," (with J. David Stanfield, Mohammad Yasin Safar), in *Innovations in Land Rights Recognition, Administration, and Governance*, edited by Klaus Deininger et al. (Washington D.C.: The World Bank, 2010), 225-241.

Book Reviews

"Iraqi Federalism and the Kurds: Learning to Live Together, by Alex Danilovich." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 45, no 1 (2014).

"Changing Poverty, Changing Policy," by Maria Cancian and Sheldon Danziger, ed., 2010. *Comparative Policy Analysis.*

Research Reports and Policy Engagement

"Engaging Customary Authority in Community Driven Development," U4 Issue Paper, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center, Chr. Michelson Institute (with David Jackson), forthcoming.

An Assessment of Local Governance in Tajikistan, United States Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. 2016.

Women's Leadership Roles in Afghanistan, (with Aarya Nijat), Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, 2015. (peer reviewed)

Evaluation Baseline Report: Tajikistan Local Governance Project Impact Evaluation. Washington, DC: United States Agency for International Development, 2013.

Survey on Political Institutions, Elections, and Democracy in Afghanistan. Washington, DC: Democracy International and United States Agency for International Development, 2012.

Tribalism, Governance, and Development, (co-editor and contributor with Lynn Carter and Phyllis Dininio), United States Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. 2010.

An Investigation into the Sustainability of Community Development Councils: Final Report. Kabul: Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, 2008.

Opinion Pieces

"Women's Leadership from the Bottom Up" (with Aarya Nijat), *University World News*, July 8, 2016

"The Sequence of Land Reform and Political Reform," *Political Violence at a Glance*, July 6, 2016

"How Ghani Learned to Play the Tribal Game," *Foreign Policy*, July 2014.

"Resetting Afghanistan." Mark Syndicated News Service, March 2014.

"Land and Post-Conflict Peace Building," *Terra Nullius*, May 2013.

"Waiting for Gauhar Kamaridinova," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, September 2011.

Works in Progress

Books in Progress

Built to Fail: How Institutional and Bureaucratic Legacies Derailed State Building in Afghanistan

The Property-Protecting State (with M. Cai and I. Murtazashvili)

Property Rights: Origins, Consequences, and Public Policy (with M. Cai, C. Harris, and I. Murtazashvili)

Articles in Progress

Electoral System Choice, Representation, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan (with Torsten Jochem and Ilia Murtazashvili) (under review)

Perceptions of Political Parties in Fragile States: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Afghanistan (with Torsten Jochem and Ilia Murtazashvili) (under review)

The Political Economy of Donald Trump (with Ilia Murtazashvili and Timofiy Mylovanov) (under review)

Local Governance Matters: Land Acquisition and Household Happiness in China (with Meina Cai and Ilia Murtazashvili) (revise and resubmit requested, *Governance*)

The Political Economy of Institutional Layering: Evidence from Central Eurasia

A Logic of Customary Governance

How Foreign Aid Biases Data Collection in Fragile States

Women's Leadership in Afghanistan (with Aarya Nijat)

Is Legal Titling an Economic Answer to Political Violence? (with I. Murtazashvili)

Governance and Legal Titling (with I. Murtazashvili)

Good Governance and the Origins of Good Economic Institutions (with I. Murtazashvili)

New Lessons of US Economic History for the Developing World (with C. Harris and I. Murtazashvili)

Can the IMF improve the quality of governance? Evidence from Ukraine (with Tymofiy Mylovanov and Ilia Murtazashvili)

Can Expertise Improve Governance? Evidence from Ukraine (with T. Mylovanov and I. Murtazashvili)

Property-Protecting States (with M. Cai and I. Murtazashvili)

The Political Economy of Post-Conflict Reconstruction) (with I. Murtazashvili)

Book Chapters in Progress

"Customary Governance and the State in Central Eurasia," in *Central Asia in Context*, ed. David Montgomery, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press (forthcoming)

The Role for Government in Post-Conflict Reconstruction (with I. Murtazashvili)

The Potential for Bottom-up Responses to State Collapse (with I. Murtazashvili)

Awards and Honors

Honorable Mention, International Studies Association—Global Development Section Book Prize (for *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan*), 2018.

Faculty Fellow, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2018.

Donald Goldstein Professor of the Year Award, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2017.

Finalist, Elinor Ostrom Award, 2015.

American Institute for Afghanistan Studies, Top Prize, Annual Student Paper Competition, 2008.

Graduate Fellow, University of Wisconsin School of Law - Institute for Legal Studies, 2005–2007.

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science, Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2005.

United States Agency for International Development, Superior Unit Citation for "*Designing and implementing post-September 11 conflict mitigation programs vital to the stability of Central Asia and critical to the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives*," 2002.

Grants

External

United States Agency for International Development/Institute for International Education, 2016
United States Institute for Peace, 2013
United States Agency for International Development, 2011-2
Bradley Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2008, Fall 2008
International Research and Exchange Program, International Advanced Research Opportunity Grant, 2006–2007 (declined)
National Security Education Program, Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2006–2007 (declined)
Bradley Foundation Summer Research Fellowship, 2005
American Institute of Iranian Studies Summer Language Studies, Dekhoda Institute - Tehran, Iran, 2003 (declined, visa denied)

Intramural

Richard Thornburgh Law and Public Policy Forum, 2014
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Asian Studies, 2013
University of Pittsburgh, European Union Studies Center/EU Center for Excellence, 2013
University of Pittsburgh, Global Studies Center, 2013
Center for Russian and East European Studies, 2013
Faculty Research Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
Domestic Travel Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
Vilas Travel Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006–2007, 2008-9
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship - Persian Language Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2003–2004 (declined 2004–2005)

Research Presentations

Invited Talks, Panels, and Conferences

University of Gothenburg, Program on Governance and Local Development, May 2018.

Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, George Mason University, March 2018.

Invited Conference: Afghanistan: The Next Generation of Scholars, American Institute for Afghanistan Studies/Hollings Center, Columbia University. February 2018.

Invited Workshop: NASPAA NEXT: A Leadership Development Institute for Public Affairs, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2017.

Invited Conference: Informality and Development: A Conference in Honor of Elinor Ostrom, Indiana University, Ostrom Workshop on Policy and Political Theory. October 2016.

Invited Presentation: "Social and Community Implications of Introducing DC Power," Business of Humanity Conference, Katz School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, April 2016.

Invited Panel: Redefining Central Asia, InterAsia Program, McMillan Center for International Studies. Yale University, January 2016

Invited online discussion: Informal Authorities and Local Governance, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (UK) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Summer 2015.

Invited Conference: "Subnational Governance in Afghanistan." Conference: State-Strengthening in Afghanistan 2001-2014: Learning from the Past to Inform the Future. Hosted by Stanford University, United States Institute of Peace, Chatham House. Washington, DC. March 2015.

Invited Panelist: "Countering 'Cold War 2.0': Are There Limits to the Re-polarization of Eurasia?" Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Columbia University. New York City. October 2014.

Invited workshop, "The 2014 Afghan Elections," Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense, Arlington, VA, October 2013.

U.S. Army, Human Terrain Systems, Ft. Leavenworth, KS (2012 and 2013).

Invited workshop: "Constructing Authority through Custom and Tradition." Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, September 2013.

Invited workshop: "Electoral System Choice, Representation, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan," Workshop on Ethnic Politics and Electoral Democracy, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, June 2012.

Workshop on Policy Analysis and Political Theory, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2011

Australian National University, Graduate School of International Affairs, Canberra, Australia, 2010

Invited Workshop: United Nations Development Program, Conference on Traditional Justice and Development, Bangkok, Thailand, 2010

Invited Conference: Violent Armed Groups, Ridgway Center for Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2010

Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense, Washington, DC, 2010

Invited workshop: "Tribes, Governance, and Development in Afghanistan," United States Institute for Peace/United States Agency for International Development, Research Workshop on Tribes, States, and Development, Washington, DC, 2010.

National Defense Science Board, Counterinsurgency Task Force, Washington, DC National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC, 2010

Defense Intelligence Agency, Arlington, VA, 2010

St. Norbert College, Green Bay WI, 2010

Invited workshop: "Governance in the Shadow of the Law? The Political Economy of Informal

Institutions and Local Government in Central Asia," Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Development Workshop, April 2006.

Selected Conference Presentations

Panel Discussant

"Afghanistan," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2017.

"Changing Political Economies of Authoritarianism in Central Asia," American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.

"Gender and Politics," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Washington, DC., October 2015.

"Approaching Afghanistan: Ethnographies between Marginality and Power," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2015.

"Illicit Political Economy and Security," Central Eurasian Studies Society annual Meeting, New York City, October 2014.

"State Building," (co-discussant, Francis Fukuyama) American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2013.

Presenter

"CESS Book Prize Author-Critic Forum: Jesse Driscoll's 'Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States." Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. October 2017.

"Fieldwork in Challenging Settings," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. October 2017.

"The Paradox of State Strength: How Efforts to Strengthen Government Undermined Stability in Afghanistan," American Society of Public Administration, Riggs Symposium on Comparative Public Administration, Seattle. March 2016.

"Built to Fail: Institutional Design in Post-2001 Afghanistan," International Studies Association, Atlanta. March 2016.

Women's Leadership in Afghanistan (with Aarya Nijat), Presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference: October 2016.

"Built to Fail: Institutional Design in Post-2001 Afghanistan." Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Columbia University. New York. October 2014.

"Desirability Bias and Ethical Challenges of Conducting Fieldwork in the Shadow of Aid Projects in Conflict Zones." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2014.

"Land and the State: Customary Property Regimes and State Building in Afghanistan," with Ilia Murtazashvili, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

"Village Electoral Systems and State Building: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Rural Afghanistan," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

"Demand Driven State Building in Fragile States: Inter-communal Cooperation for the Provision of Public Goods in Rural Afghanistan," Political Economy section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011.

"The Formal-Informal Nexus in Rural Afghanistan," Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, April 2011.

"Ungovernable Afghanistan? The Role of Customary Authority and International Assistance in Generating State Support," Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, May 2009.

"The Politics of Property Rights in Afghanistan" with Ilia Murtazashvili, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

"Informal Ties that Bind: Interest Aggregation and Representation in the Absence of the State," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2009.

"Customary Organizations and Community Development in Rural Afghanistan," Conference on Afghan Development, Center for Global Studies and Center for Afghanistan Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha, October 2008.

"Local Governance as an Instrument of State Building," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2008.

"The Political Economy of Customary Organizations in Rural Afghanistan," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008.

"The Political Foundations of State Building and Limited Government in Afghanistan," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

Workshop Organizer: "The Sustainability of Community Development Councils in Afghanistan," Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul, Afghanistan, January 2008.

Workshop Organizer: "Investigating the Sustainability of Community Development Councils in Afghanistan: Research Methodology," Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit Workshop, Kabul, Afghanistan, March 2007.

"The 2005 Parliamentary Elections in Afghanistan: From the Campaign to the First Session – A Preliminary Assessment," Center for Middle East Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, February 2006.

Teaching

Ph.D.-level Coursework: Qualitative Research Design and Methods; State Building; Institutions and Development; Field Seminar in International Development
M.A.-level Courses: Administration of Public Affairs (face-to-face and online); Islam, Politics, and the State; Comparative Governance; Politics of Central Asia; Global Governance; Post-Conflict Reconstruction; Capstone Seminar: Marcellus Shale Policy and Governance

Professional Experience

Research and Professional Positions

Senior Research Officer, Political Economy and Governance, **Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit**, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2007–08.

Democracy Specialist, **United States Agency for International Development,** Central Asia Regional Mission, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 1999–2002.

Secondary School Instructor, **United States Peace Corps**, Samarqand, Uzbekistan, 1997-99.

Project Assistant, **U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation** for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (CRDF), Arlington, VA, 1996-7

Short-term Consultancies

World Bank, Social Development: Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, 2016-present.

World Bank, Investment Climate Group, 2015-2016.

United States Agency for International Development/Central Asian Mission, Tajikistan, 2012-2016.

Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, Faculty Mentor, 2011-2014

United Nations, Afghanistan. Common Country Assessment, *Governance Consultant and Contributor*, 2013.

United States Agency for International Development. Afghanistan Governance Strategy Assessment, 2012.

United States Agency for International Development, Africa and Middle East Bureau. 2010.

National Security Interest Corporation/Department of Defense, Washington, DC, 2009-2010.

Internews, Kabul, Afghanistan 2005-6.

United Nations Development Program, Support to the Establishment of the Afghan Legislature (UNDP/SEAL), Kabul, Afghanistan, 2006.

Professional Training

Acquisition Assistance Training for Cognizant Technical Officers (Contracting Officers), **United States Agency for International Development, Almaty,** Kazakhstan. May 2001.

Democracy and Governance Officers Training, **United States Agency for International Development, Washington**, DC. December 2001.

United States Peace Corps, Guliston, Uzbekistan, September-December 1997, Intensive Uzbek Language and Culture, TESOL Methodology, Cross-Cultural Understanding, Community Development, September-December 1997.

Service

Service to the Community and Profession

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)
Executive Board Member (elected), 2016-present
Institutional Linkages Committee, Chair, 2016-present
Conference Committee, 2016-present
Best Book Award, Committee Member, 2016
Taskforce on Fieldwork Safety, 2015-16
Best Graduate Paper Award, Committee Member, 2014

International Studies Association, Inaugural Board Member, Section on South Asia in World Politics (2016-2017).

Independent expert witness (written affidavits and expert witness testimony), in support of applicants seeking political asylum in the United States, 2005-present.

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Election Observer, Presidential Elections, Kazakhstan, 2005.

University Wide Service

Conference Organizer: Afghanistan: A Regional Way Forward? December 2013

Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh
Faculty Advisory Board, 2010-present
Member, Small Grants Committee, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
FLAS Selection Committee Member, 2000-2016.
Search Committee Member, Post-doctoral Fellow, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2015-6

Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh
Faculty Advisory Board, 2012-present
FLAS Selection Committee, Member, 2010-11, 2012-13

Other University Service

GSPIA faculty representative, UCIS Global Strategy, 2015-16

Ridgway Center for Security Studies, Faculty Steering Committee 2011-present
Provost's Committee on Information Technology, 2010-12
Co-convener, University of Pittsburgh Governance Group, 2011-3
University Center for International Studies, Hewlett Grant Committee, 2013-14

School-wide Service

President, Faculty Assembly, 2017-18 (elected)
Vice President, Faculty Assembly, 2011-12 (elected)
Chair, Technology Committee, 2016-present
Faculty Advisory Committee, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18 (elected)
Search Committee, Public Administration/Public Policy, 2017-18
Doctoral Studies Committee, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16
Ridgway Center for Security Studies and Wesley W. Posvar Chair Review Committee, 2013-14
Co-Chair, MPA faculty committee to create Governance and International Public Management major, 2013-14
Search Committee, International Political Economy Faculty Search, 2013-14
Curriculum Review and Evaluation Committee, 2011-12, 2012-13
Professional Development Fund Committee, 2009-10, 2011-12
Search Committee, Security Studies Faculty Search, 2009-10

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
International Political Science Association – Section on Structure of Government
American Society for Public Administration
Central Eurasian Studies Society
American Institute for Afghanistan Studies

University of Pittsburgh Affiliations

Center for Russian and East European Studies
Center for Asian Studies
Global Studies Center
World History Center
Ridgway Center for Security Studies
Ford Institute for Human Security

Field Experience

Afghanistan (three years), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia (one year), Tajikistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan (five years)

Research Languages

English (native)
Russian (working fluency, certified advanced proficiency)
Uzbek (working fluency)
Persian (Tajiki and Dari dialects) (working fluency)
Turkish (basic)